

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 28, 2005.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that the application contains claims directed to four species with each species being shown in Figures 2-5. The Examiner required the Applicant to identify the elected species and to list all claims readable on the elected species. Additionally, the Examiner objected to Figure 1 and requested the Applicant to submit a Replacement Sheet showing Figure 1 labeled as prior art.

By this Response, Applicant elects the species shown in Figure 5. Also, Applicant indicates that Claims 6-8 are readable on such elected species. Further, Applicant has withdrawn Claims 1-5 and 9-20. Hence, the requirements of 35 USC § 121 have been met.

Additionally, Applicant submits concurrently herewith a Replacement Sheet as Exhibit 1 which shows that Figure 1 is prior art. Hence, the Examiner's objection to Figure 1 is overcome.

Applicant also submits as Exhibit 2 a Change of Correspondence Address indicating that correspondence regarding the above-identified application should be held with Bruce B. Brunda, Esq.

Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the Examiner's objection and requirements have been overcome. Applicant also respectfully submit that the elected species is novel and non-obvious and in condition for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any suggestions for expediting allowance of the application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's representative at the number listed below.

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Amendments to the Drawings:

Please replace Figure 1 which was originally filed with the above-identified application with the Replacement Sheet enclosed as Exhibit 1. The Replacement Sheet identifies Figure 1 as prior art by placing the term "PRIOR ART" below the terms "Figure 1."

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If any additional fee is required, please charge Deposit Account Number 19-4330.

Respectfully submitted,

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